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**ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION**

**FORMAL COMPLAINT**

Illinois Commerce Commission  
527 E. Capitol Avenue  
Springfield, Illinois 62701

For Commission Use Only:

Case: 05-0022

**ORIGINAL**

Regarding a complaint by (Person making the complaint): Northern Mechanical, Inc. by Richard Rieff

Against (Utility name): NICOR GAS

As to (Reason for complaint) Overcharge of at least 14,500 Therms and approximately \$13,000.00 during the time period between January 5 and April 3, 2001.

in Machesney Park Illinois.

**TO THE ILLINOIS COMMERCE COMMISSION, SPRINGFIELD, ILLINOIS:**

My mailing address is 9933 North Alpine Road, Machesney Park, IL 61115

The service address that I am complaining about is 9933 North Alpine Road, Machesney Park, IL 61115

My home telephone is [ ] N/A

Between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. weekdays, I can be reached at [815] 654-7900

(Full name of utility company) NICOR GAS (respondent) is a public utility and is subject to the provisions of the Illinois Public Utilities Act.

In the space below, list the specific section of the law, Commission rule(s), or utility tariffs that you think is involved with your complaint.

220 ILCS 5/8-301; 220 ILCS 5/8 302; 220 ILCS 5/9-101

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COMMERCE COMMISSION

Have you contacted the Consumer Services Division of the Illinois Commerce Commission about your complaint? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Has your complaint filed with that office been closed? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Please state your complaint briefly. Number each of the paragraphs. Please include time period and dollar amounts involved with your complaint. Use an extra sheet of paper if needed.

1. Northern Mechanical, Inc. disputes the billing period for January 4, 2001, to April 1, 2001. During that time period, we were invoiced \$14,345.22 for 14,214 Therms.
2. During this same time period, only 1/2 of the building was heated. An independent engineering firm has calculated the probable fuel consumption for this 1/2 area, for this three-month period to be 700 Therms, not 15,214 Therms.
3. For the same period of time the following three years, an average of 3,709 Therms were used to heat the complete building, not 15,214 for 1/2 of the building.

Please clearly state what you want the Commission to do in this case:

Determine the appropriate billing for the time period between January 5, 2001 and April 3, 2001, and refund all amounts overpaid.

Date: 1/5/05  
(Month, day, year)

Complainant's Signature

*Timothy A. Miller*  
Attorney for Northern  
Mechanical, Inc.

If an attorney will represent you, please give the attorney's name, address, and telephone number.

Attorney Timothy A. Miller  
Oliver, Close, Worden, Winkler & Greenwald LLC  
124 North Water Street, #300, P.O. Box 4749, Rockford, IL 61110-4749

You need to file the original with the Commission. Also, provide one copy for each utility complained about (referred to as respondents).

#### VERIFICATION

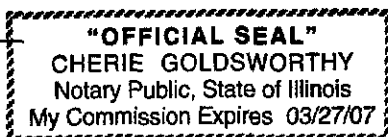
A notary public must witness the completion of this part of the form.

I, Richard Rieff, first being duly sworn, say that I have read the above petition and know what it says.  
The contents of this petition are true to the best of my knowledge.

(Signature) Richard C. Rieff

Subscribed and sworn/affirmed to before me on (month, day, year) 1-5-5

Cherie Goldsworthy  
Notary Public, Illinois



**NOTE:** Failure to answer all of the questions on this form may result in this form being returned without processing. If you have questions, please call the counselor in the Consumer Services Division that handled your informal complaint.